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DATE : April 17, 2000

TO : Examiner Levy
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FROM : Scott C. Rand; Reg. No. 40,359

SUBJECT : Serial No.: 09/350,474
Atty. Docket No.: POC-99-1-1
Title: Particulate Animal Feed Supplements and Processes for the Preparation Thereof

PAGES : 15 (including this cover sheet)

MESSAGE : Please find transmitted herewith a Response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 17, 2000; an Amendment Transmittal Letter including authorization to charge fees for excess claims; a duplicate copy of the Amendment Transmittal Letter for accounting purposes.

OFFICIAL**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No.

POC-99-1-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Winstrom et al.
Serial No. : 09/350,474
Filed : July 9, 1999
Examiner : Levy, N.
Group Art Unit : 1617
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 17, 2000, for which the thirty-day shortened statutory period is set to expire on April 17, 2000 (37 C.F.R. § 1.7). It is believed that no extension of time is required for this response.

OFFICIALFee for Excess Claims

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

Independent Claims in Excess of 3:	5 x \$39 = \$195
Total Number of Claims in Excess of 20:	<u>32 x \$ 9 = \$288</u>
	\$483
Less Excess Claims Fee Paid Previously on July 9, 1999:	<u>— \$441</u>
	\$ 42

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-4882 in the amount of \$42.

In the event of any fee deficiency for this or any other paper in this application, charge any such deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-4882. Likewise, the Commissioner is requested to credit any overpayment for this or any other paper in this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4882.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: April 17, 2000



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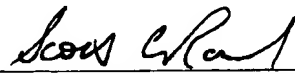
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**RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION/RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 17, 2000**

Sir:

Kindly enter the Amendment below and consider the Remarks that follow.

AMENDMENT**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 11-56 without prejudice to the later prosecution of the subject matter claimed therein.

-- 1. (Amended) A substantially dustless animal feed premix composition in solid granular form and having a high resistance to powdering, said composition comprising a physical admixture of granular fermentation solids comprising an antibiotic, and further comprising at least one potency standardizer selected from the group consisting of an edible feed material and a mineral product.